



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2022-0046]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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Office of Management and Budget

Attn: Desk Officer for SSA

Comments: <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Submit your comments online referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2022-0046].

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<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2022-0046].

SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than

[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Individuals can obtain copies of these OMB

clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Supplemental Statement Regarding Farming Activities of Person

Living Outside the United States -- 0960-0103. When a beneficiary or claimant reports farm work from outside the United States, SSA documents this work on Form SSA-7163A-F4. Specifically, SSA uses the form to determine if we should apply foreign work deductions to the recipient's Title II benefits. We collect the information either annually or every other year, depending on the respondent's country of residence. Once respondents complete the form, they mail it back to SSA. Respondents are Social Security recipients engaged in farming activities outside the United States.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars) **
SSA-7163A-F4	19	1	60	19	\$16.70*	\$317**

* We based this figure on the average farming occupations hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes450000.htm>).

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2. Information About Joint Checking/Savings Account --

20 CFR 416.1201 and 416.1208 -- 0960-0461. SSA considers a person's resources when evaluating eligibility for SSI. Generally, we consider funds in checking and savings accounts as resources owned by the individuals whose names appear on the account. However, individuals applying for SSI may rebut this assumption of ownership in a joint account by submitting certain evidence to establish the funds do not belong to them. SSA uses Form SSA-2574 to collect information from SSI applicants and recipients who object to the assumption that they own all or part of the funds in a joint checking or savings account bearing their names. SSA collects information about the account from both the SSI applicant or recipient and the other account holder(s). After receiving the completed form, SSA determines if we should consider the account to be a resource

for the SSI applicant and recipient. The respondents are applicants and recipients of SSI, and individuals who list themselves as joint owners of financial accounts with SSI applicants or recipients.

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SSA-2574 (Paper)	50,000	1	7	5,833	\$19.86*		\$115,843***
SSA-2574 (SSI Claim System)	150,000	1	7	17,500	\$19.86*	21**	\$1,390,200***
Totals	200,000			23,333			\$1,506,043***

* We based this figure by averaging both the average DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2022 data

(<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2022factsheet.pdf>), and the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).

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3. Real Property Current Market Value Estimate -- 0960-0471. SSA

considers an individual's resources when evaluating eligibility for SSI payments. The value of an individual's resources, including non-home real property, is one of the eligibility requirements for SSI payments. SSA obtains current market value estimates of the claimant's real property through Form SSA-L2794. We allow respondents to use readily available records to complete the form, or we can accept their best estimates. We use this form as part of initial applications and in post-entitlement situations. SSA fills out Form SSA-L2794, and mails it to the respondent along with a cover letter explaining why we need the information and what information we are requesting, and a prepaid envelope to send the SSA-L2794 back to SSA. The respondents are small business operators in real estate; state and local government employees tasked with assessing real property values; and other individuals knowledgeable about local real estate values.

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SSA-L2794	300	1	20	100	\$23.45*	\$2,345**

* We based this figure on the median hourly salary of Real Estate Brokers and Sales Agents, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).

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- 4. Employer Verification of Earnings After Death -- 20 CFR 404.821 and 404.822 -- 0960-0472.** When SSA records show a wage earner is deceased, and we receive wage reports from an employer for the wage earner for a year subsequent to the year of death, SSA mails the employer Form SSA-L4112 (Employer Verification of Earnings After Death) with a prepaid envelope to send back to SSA. SSA uses the information Form SSA-L4112 provides to verify wage information previously received from the employer is correct for the employee and the year in question (the year subsequent to the year of death), to ensure we avoid wage fraud on the deceased's account. The respondents are employers who report wages for employees who died.

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SSA-L4112	13,114	1	10	2,186	\$28.01*	\$61,230**

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5. Child Care Dropout Questionnaire -- 20 CFR 404.211(e)(4) --

0960-0474. If individuals applying for Title II disability benefits care for their own or their spouse's children under age 3, and have no steady earnings during the time they care for those children, they may exclude that period of care from the disability computation period. We call this the child-care dropout exclusion. SSA uses the information from Form SSA-4162 to determine if an individual qualifies for this exclusion. Respondents are applicants for Title II disability benefits.

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SSA-4162	1,563	1	10	261	\$11.70*	24**	\$10,366***

* We based this figure on the average DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2022 data (<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2022factsheet.pdf>).

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6. Medical Report on Adult with Allegation of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection; Medical Report on Child with Allegation of Human

Immunodeficiency Virus Infection -- 20 CFR 416.933 - 416.934 --

0960-0500. Section 1631(e)(i) of the Act authorizes the Commissioner of SSA to gather information to make a determination about an applicant's claim for SSI payments. Section 1631(a)(4) of the Act provides that the Commissioner may pay SSI payments to an applicant for a period not exceeding six months prior to the determination of the individual's disability, if the individual is presumptively disabled and is determined to be otherwise eligible for benefits; this procedure is called Presumptive Disability (PD). SSA uses Forms SSA-4814 and SSA-4815 to collect information necessary to determine if an individual with human immunodeficiency virus infection, who is applying for SSI disability benefits, meets the requirements for PD. The respondents are the medical sources of the applicants for SSI disability payments.

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Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)	Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*	Average Wait Time for Teleservice Centers (minutes) **	Total Annual Opportunity Cost (dollars)***
SSA-4814	1,307	1	8	174	\$16.02*	19**	\$9,420***
SSA-4815	20	1	10	3	\$16.02*	19**	\$144***
Totals	1,327			177			\$9,564***

* We based this figure on the average Healthcare Support Occupations, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data

(<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes310000.htm>).

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7. Certificate of Election for Reduced Widow(er)s and Surviving

Divorced Spouse's Benefits -- 20 CFR 404.335 -- 0960-0759. Section 202(q) of the Act provides SSA the authority to reduce benefits under certain conditions when elected by a Title II beneficiary. However, reduced benefits are not payable to an already entitled spouse (or divorced spouse) who:

- Is at least age 62 and under full retirement age in the month of the number holder's death; and
- Is receiving both reduced spouse's (or divorced spouse's) benefits and either retirement or disability benefits in the month before the month of the number holder's death.

To elect reduced widow(er) benefits, a recipient completes Form SSA-4111, and mails it back to SSA. SSA uses the information collected to pay a qualified dually entitled widow(er) (or surviving divorced spouse) who elects to receive a reduced widow(er) benefit. The respondents are qualified dually entitled widow(er)s (or surviving divorced spouse) who elect to receive a reduced widow(er) benefit.

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SSA-4111	30,000	1	2	1,000	\$28.01*	\$28,010**

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